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INTERVIEWEE: Ron Hays

Interviewer: Joe Arbow

Date: December 8, 2006

Location of Interview: SE 23rd and Yamhill Portland Oregon. Interviewee's project

Research Assistant: Jenny Braden

Interview Series: SUSTAINING NORTHWEST LANDSCAPES & COMMUNITIES

Recording Equipment: DIGITAL RECORDER (WINDOWS MEDIA AUDIO FILE) WITH AN
EXTERNAL, OMNIDIRECTIONAL MICROPHONE

Time Notes

00:33	Where did you grow up? Where did you go to school?
0:55	What brought you to Oregon?
1:20	Tell me a little about your college experience.
2:00	Did you have any experience in the building industry?
3:14	Tell me how you got into your solar energy business.
4:41	With your knowledge in the solar industry, do you use that knowledge in your green buildings?
5:45	What type of clients do you work with?
9:11	Are your clients chemically sensitive?
9:28	Tell me about some of the building materials you use?
11:32	Is there a problem with green marketing?
15:00	Do you advertise as a green builder?
15:21	Do you use recycled building materials?
16:21	Do you find recycled wood better quality?
17:04	Do you clients use professional consultants?
17:26	Are there any green products that you see a need for?
19:12	Is Germany's green building market further along?
20:00	Is Portland's green building movement advanced?
20:16	What green building trends do you see occurring?

Time	Notes
21:50	Do your clients shy away from pricy building materials?
22:09	Are there any products that are to expensive to use?
24:29	Do you deal with the LEED system at all?
24:41	Do you get any tax incentives
24:50	Do you do landscaping?
25:00	Do clients have you learn about new products that you
25:32	Where do you do research for those materials?
25:52	Do you do any classes or education?
26:18	What type of topics did you cover?
26:29	Explain how you built your house?
28:39	Tell me about your building techniques?
30:24	Are there any designers or intellectuals that influenced you?
31:11	Where were you introduced to those designers?
31:24	Did any professors influence your career path?
32:04	Did your environmental science degree help with your career?
35:09	Do you have employees or do you subcontract your work? Do you avoid employees to avoid cost?
36:43	How often do you use your shop to fabricate items?
37:16	Are you familiar with the Energy Star program?
37:47	Do you do any new construction? How many projects are you involved in?
38:18	Are all of your jobs in Portland? Does travel time make you have long working hours?
39:39	Do you have any other insights about sustainability that you would like to have on this interview?